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SUBJECT: SEYMOUR HERSH STORY ON DOMSAT

1. JAKARTA PRESS HAS GIVEN PROMINENT PLAY TO REMARKS BY MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS EMIL SALIM'S EXPRESSING SKEPTICISM OVER ALLEGATIONS IN HERSH'S NEW YORK TIMES STORY OF CORRUPTION IN AWARDED DOMESTIC SATELLITE CONTRACT TO HUGHES AIRCRAFT. SALIM, WHO STATED HE HAD NOT YET READ ARTICLE, POINTED OUT TO NEWSMEN THAT GOI HAD FOLLOWED EXIM BANK PROCEDURES AND STIPULATIONS IN EXECUTING DOMESTIC SATELLITE PROJECT. IF THERE WERE ANY IRREGULARITIES, EXIM BANK WOULD HAVE CONTACTED GOI IMMEDIATELY, SALIM SAID, AND TO DATE GOI HAS RECEIVED NO SUCH REPORT. SALIM ADDED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO CONCEIVE HOW A \$40 MILLION BRIBE COULD BE PAID ON A \$180 MILLION CONTRACT.

2. SALIM SAID HE WAS NOT SURPRISED THAT LOSING PARTIES WERE UNHAPPY WITH AWARDED CONTRACT BUT THAT HUGHES WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE OF ITS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD. SALIM EVADED QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HE WOULD RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF HUGHES BRIBE, STATING THAT RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES WOULD INVESTIGATE ANY ALLEGATIONS SUPPORTED BY PROOF.

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3. FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM MALIK REFUSED TO ANSWER PRESS QUERIES ON ARTICLE STATING HE HAD NOT READ IT.

4. PRINCIPAL NEWSPAPERS INTERSPERSED SALIM'S REMARKS WITH BRIEF SUMMARY OF ARTICLE, OMITTING, HOWEVER, NAMES AND OTHER DETAILS CITED BY HERSH. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT AS YET.

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